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Patriarchal Blessing of Isaac Behunin

A blessing by John Smith Patriarch, upon the head of Isaac Behunin, son of Albert and Nancy, born October 30, 1803, Oswego County, New York.

Brother Isaac, I lay my hands upon thy head in the authority of my office as Patriarch, and seal upon you a father's blessing in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and I also confirm upon thy head the blessing placed upon thee by my brother Joseph Smith, who was a patriarch and a man of God, and I rebuke by the authority of the priesthood, the chill fever which is preying upon your system, and I ask my heavenly Father to seal the rebuke in the heavens and command health to rest up on you from this hour. Dismiss your fears brother, for thou art a lawful heir to every blessing which your heart desires; thou art of the blook of Ephriam the son of Joseph, and called to be a mighty man and a counselor in the house of Israel forever, thou shalt be filled with wisdom to do the work which is appointed unto thee; many shall seek to thee for wisdom and council and shall consider it safe to follow thy teaching; thou shalt preside over a portion of the house of Israel forever; thou shalt bring many to the knowledge of the truth; thou shalt be able to do miracles in the name of the holy child Jesus for the salvation of the children of men; thou shalt be able to escape from thine enemies at all times and they shall fear before thee; thy posterity shall be numerous and honorable among the saints and thy name shall be written among the names of the sanctified; thou shalt live till thou art satisfied with life and enjoying every blessing which you desire even eternal life which is sealed upon thee and thy posterity forever. Amen. No. 1361 Sept. 27.